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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Ludwigslust

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 8 February 1954, the Alte and the Neue Reiter Kaserne (5261) Ludwigslust, were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At about 1 p.m., 6 trucks, towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns, were seen south of the westernmost three-story quartering building in Neue Reiter Kaserne, heading toward Mauerstrasse. Trucks [REDACTED] entered the installation from the direction of the Techentin airfield. Craftsmen were engaged in repair work in the officer billets in the south corner of the barracks area. [REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation. 25X1
2. On 8 February, the Techentin airfield (5262) was only lightly occupied. The gate on Gadower Allee and the windows of the quarters were closed. All was quiet in the installation including the shed on Gadower Allee. [REDACTED] did not hear any noises from motor vehicle and tank engines. At about 1 p.m., [REDACTED] a supply truck, entered the installation. 25X1
3. At about 10:45 a.m. on 19 January, 6 trucks towing 5 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in the terrain about 200 meters east of Fahrbinde and just north of the dirt road from Fahrbinde toward east. The gun crews were constructing field fortifications nearby. Two emplaced 57-mm AT guns were seen about 1,200 meters south of the trucks at the northern point of the Dreenkroegen Forest. Trucks and sedans were sheltered in the woods. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen on Grabower Chaussee between Ludwigslust and Techentin. 25X1
4. On 19 January, the Techentin airfield was occupied. Three T-34 tank hulls were seen between the hangars and about 8 to 9 trucks on blocks were behind the hangars. About 100 troops engaged in aiming practice and drill in the area just south of the road to Karstedt, Highway No 191. 25X1

Comment. [REDACTED] on 7 February, reported exercises presumably of units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in the same area about 15 km north of Ludwigslust. [REDACTED] According to the present information, the bulk of the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div stationed at the Techentin airfield may have also participated in these exercises, unless the regiment, in early February, participated in advanced combat firing practices of tank units at the Wittstock training area. [REDACTED]

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